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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
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Ex parte HIROSHI NEMOTO, MICHIO TAKAHASHI and KENSHIN KITOH

Application No. 10/071,664

ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on March 15, 2005. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter(s) requiring attention prior to docketing are identified below:

On November 30, 2004, an Examiner's Answer was mailed. A review of the Examiner's Answer reveals that one of the conferees listed in the answer does not contain an initial/signature placed next to the typed name as required by § 1208 of the Manual of Patent Examining Procedure (MPEP)

Accordingly, it is

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ORDERED that the application is being returned to the Examiner:

- (a) for the examiner to have the missing conferee place his/her signature next to his/her typed name;
- (b) for the Examiner to mail a copy of the corrected answer to appellants, and
- (c) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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